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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM FROM AMBASSADOR FARKAS

1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WURTH HAS OFFERED TO HOST LUNCH FOR YOU ON JUNE 19 AT A RESTAURANT. HIS DEPUTY, PAUL MERTZ, WILL ALSO ATTEND AS WELL AS DCM TARNOFF, HIS SUCCESSOR JAMES D. PHILLIPS AND MYSELF FROM THE EMBASSY. AFTER THE LUNCH WE WILL ALL PROCEED TO THE MFA FOR WORKING SESSION WITH WURTH AND MERTZ BEFORE YOUR CALL ON PRIME MINISTER THORN STILL SCHEDULED FOR 1700. THE REMAINDER OF YOUR SCHEDULE AND THAT OF MRS. BUFFUM IS AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL (A).

2. WURTH TOLD DCM ON JUNE 11 THAT BEFORE WEO GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 24 HE AND THORN WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON PROSPECTS OF SPANISH CANDIDACY FOR UNGA PRESIDENCY WHICH THORN REGARDS AS HIS LAST REMAINING OBSTACLE. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA MAURI TOLD THORN IN PARIS ON MAY 27 THAT HIS CANDIDACY WAS NOT YET "OFFICIAL," ALTHOUGH GOL IS STILL RECEIVING REPORTS THAT SPANISH PERMREP AT UN CONTINUES TO WAGE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR HIS FOREIGN MINISTER. THORN MAY ALSO ASK YOU IF THE TIME HAS NOT COME FOR THE U.S. TO
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POINT OUT TO MADRID THAT FURTHER DELAYS IN CHOOSING A

WEO GROUP NOMINEE MAY RESULT IN GROWING LDC PRESSURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FROM THE GROUP OF 77. THE GOL HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT U.S./SPANISH TIES ARE REINFORCED FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S STOP IN MADRID, AND THAT THE U.S. AS WELL AS THE FRG ARE IN A STRONG POSITION TO INTERVENE DISCREETLY WITH THE SPANISH ON THORN'S BEHALF IN ORDER TO "SAVE THE CHANCES OF A WESTERN CANDIDATE."

3. SINCE THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE HAS REPORTED THAT YOU MAY SOON BE LEAVING THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ASSUME A HIGH POSITION WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK, THORN AND WURTH WILL OF COURSE QUERY YOU ON THIS POINT AS WELL. FARKAS

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